

# Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### Sing with Champs!

The County Connection Chorus, Division "A" Sweet Adelines Champions, is hosting a guest night for all interested ladies on Tuesday, August 15. Rehearsal will be held at the UAW Hall, Local #898 (8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti), beginning at 6:45 p.m.

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- kidneys,
- bone density, and
- dental (for children).

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### County Commissioner Hosts Coffee Hours

John Sullivan, Commissioner for Wayne County's 11th District, invites his constituents to stop in for coffee and informal chat during the following "coffee hours":

- August 14, 9 a.m.  
(Red Apple Restaurant, Main Street, Belleville);
- August 28, 9 a.m.  
(The Tin Pan, Sumpter Road, Sumpter Township); and
- September 11, 2:30 p.m.  
(The Waltz Inn, Mineral Springs Road, Huron Township). □

## Olympic Gold Medalists, U.S. Team Hopefuls Visit GM Plant in Romulus



Olympic gold medalists Pablo Morales (left) and Evelyn Ashford (second from right) pose with GM Powertrain Division/Romulus Engine Plant employees Princess Allen (second from left), Hank Meadows (center), and John Setko. The three GM employees appear in a national UAW/GM television commercial supporting the U.S. Olympic Team. (photo: Ed Sims)

The road to the 2000 Olympic Games included a stop in Romulus.

On July 21, four U.S. Olympic Team hopefuls, accompanied by gold medalists Evelyn Ashford and Pablo Morales, made an appearance at the General Motors (GM) Powertrain Division/Romulus Engine Plant. The visit was part of the United Auto Workers (UAW)/GM-sponsored "The Team Behind the Team" vehicle-donation program, which provides GM vehicles to 100 families of eligible U.S. Olympic Team athletes.

During their visit, Ashford, Morales, and U.S. Team hopefuls Matt Chulis (soccer), Karen Kraft (rowing), Kristin Kuehl (track and field), and Eric Owens (table tennis) attended a special reception in their honor, signed autographs for employees, and toured the plant. The events gave the athletes a chance to express their appreciation for the support they have received, and to share stories of their past accomplishments and future dreams with their sponsors.

Ashford, whose Olympic career spanned 16 years, earned a total of four gold medals and one silver medal. At the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, she won gold in the 100-meter dash and the 4x100-meter relay. In Seoul in 1988, she took silver in the 100 meters and anchored the 4,100-meter relay in a gold-medal finish. And at the age of 35, Ashford wrapped up her impressive career with a gold medal in the 4x100-meter relay, becoming the oldest American woman to earn an Olympic medal in track and field.

Swimmer Pablo Morales finally realized his lifelong dream when he captured an individual gold medal in the 100-meter butterfly at the 1992 Games in Barcelona. Although he had been a star in the 1984 Los Angeles Games, where he won three medals – a gold in the 400-meter medley relay, a silver in the 100-meter butterfly, and a silver in the 200-meter individual medley – individual gold had eluded him. When the

6'2", 168-pound swimmer stormed back in 1992, he became the first American Olympic champion in the 100-meter butterfly since 1976. His world-record time of 52.84, set in 1986, stood until this summer. A graduate of Stanford University and Cornell Law School, Morales is the winningest swimmer in NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) history, earning 11 of 12 possible national titles.

After a successful college career at the University of Virginia (where his soccer team placed third and second, respectively, in the 1995 and 1997 NCAA National Championships), Matt Chulis left early to pursue two dreams: the first, becoming a professional soccer player; the second, making the U.S. Olympic Team. With the support of his parents, his first dream has come true; he is now an MLS (Major League Soccer) player. Chulis also participated in the 1997 World University Games, where his team

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## Letter to the Editor

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### Editorial Angers Reader

Dear Kristi Stephens:

In this long fight, it is hard to believe that some residents are still in support of the deep injection well that Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), proposes to construct in Romulus. After reading your editorial entitled "State Should Approve EDS Permit" (June 16, 2000), I became angered to realize that articles of support are still flooding the newsstands.

In your editorial, you stated three reasons why Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Director Russ Harding should approve EDS's permit for the deep injection well project on Citrin Drive in Romulus. Now, even though this has been stated more than a few times, I just can't let this editorial

pass without a few comments. I'd like to state a few reasons why the permit should not be approved.

I believe the biggest reason is that the potential health risk of the operation outweighs any benefit that the injection well will supposedly bring to the community. Once the well is in operation, if anything happens, it will be too late. I quote from William Sanjour's comments on the Winona, Texas incident ("Policy Analyst for Environmental Protection Agency Comments on Winona, TX," *The Romulus News*, June 16, 2000): "At that stage it is too late. The only cure for such a community is its extinction or the closure of the facility." That is the exact situation that the people who have been fighting against the well are trying to prevent.

People who are concerned about chemicals polluting our waters should be fighting for stricter laws against such crimes. Deep injection wells should be outlawed and companies should have to pay the higher costs to incinerate wastes and dispose of them in the safest way. Pumping waste into the ground is not it!

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## Park Rededication Honors Former Councilman Raspberry



City of Romulus Recreation Director Debbie Dick (left) and Mayor William Oakley (right) welcomed former Councilman Jimmie C. Raspberry and his wife Wandra at the park rededication ceremony, held July 29, 2000. Refreshments were furnished by Wade Trim and Associates.

Despite inclement weather, approximately 70 people were on hand to honor former Romulus City Councilman Jimmie C. Raspberry at a ceremony marking the rededication of Cypress Park in his name.

"I love Romulus; I love its people. Over the years, they've been very good to me," said Raspberry. "I want everyone to know how much I truly appreciate the kind comments of my many well-wishers."

Through his long dedication to the Romulus community, this venerable "city father" has touched the lives of countless local citizens. His impressive resume includes service as:

- Township Constable – 1955–61;
- Township Trustee – 1961–70; and
- City Councilman – 1970–73 (Council Chairman), 1975–85, 1987–97.

He also spent two years as the Council's representative to the Romulus Planning Commission, and several more as a member of a water and sewer advisory committee.

Raspberry talked of many changes that he and his fellow elected officials have helped to bring about over the past few decades. Among those closest to his heart are:

- construction of the Romulus Tower and Whispering Willows senior-citizen apartment buildings;
- environmental cleanup efforts at several sites, including Chemical Recovery (now Michigan Recovery); and
- the establishment and naming of the Carl W. Morris Post Office (the first-ever federal building to be named after someone who had never been a federal employee).

Besides his colleagues in local government, Raspberry paid special tribute to three other former elected officials for their service to the people of Romulus: United States Congressman William Ford, State Senator William Faust, and State Representative Edward Mahalak.

"These fine gentlemen often went to bat for Romulus in Washington, D.C., and in Lansing," explained Raspberry. "Our city owes a great deal to their dedication and perseverance."

Raspberry – who retired from Ford in 1974 after 32 years with the company, most of which were spent as a United Auto Workers representative – first moved to Romulus in 1943. During their 45 years of marriage, he and his first wife, the late Cleo Raspberry, had five children (Carolyn, the late Brenda, Rosaland, Kenneth, and Rose), and also raised granddaughter Lisa.

Wandra, Raspberry's wife of the past nine years, has two children (Alana and Ramona). □

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## Editorial Angers Reader

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Another reason is the corruption involved in this project. EDS officials would lie or "mislead" residents to weasel their way into any community to get their business started. However, some people, such as myself, are more concerned about lives than money. I'd like to say that people who support the well are part of the profit, but that would be a generalization and said to be untrue.

In argument of your remark, "Given a proposal that's technically sound, it would be morally wrong to deny EDS its permit . . .": It is my opinion that, because of a concern for human lives, it's *not* morally wrong to disapprove a project that has the purpose of increasing profit. It would be morally wrong, however, to "mislead" residents into believing that they will be safe and to pump waste into the ground to save pennies per gallon.

Since I became educated on this issue, thanks to Romulus High School government teacher Rod Hanna, I haven't seen any possible way that this project will bring prosperity to any community. The only people who will make a gain are those who will be doing the business.

I believe that most residents are informed, or should be, and if they don't support EDS, it is a wise decision. I encourage all those who have been fighting – including residents, State Representative Ray Basham, and the Romulus City Council – to continue fighting. I urge, plead with, and beg Mr. Harding and all other officials to think of the lives of residents and vote the well down whenever faced with the decision, and possibly work to outlaw such projects.

Justin Benci □

## Olympic Medalists, Hopefuls in Romulus



U.S. Olympic Team hopeful Matt Chulis (left) autographs a hat for GM employee Dave Cetnar. (photo: Ed Sims)

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placed third in a 1997 soccer tournament in Malaysia. He now resides in Dublin, Ohio.

Karen Kraft is aiming for her second Olympic Games after a silver-medal performance in Atlanta in 1996. In addition, she and rowing teammate Missy Ryan won the National Championship in 1999 and placed second in the 1999 Pan American Games. She currently lives and trains in Newport, Washington.

Bouncing back from knee surgery in 1996 and a ruptured disc in 1997, Kristin Kuehl is now ready to pursue gold in the discus event in the 2000 Olympic Games. She finished third in the 1998 Goodwill Games and earned back-to-back second-place finishes in the 1998 and 1999 National Championships. She now resides in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

After a gold-medal performance in the 1999 Pan American Games, the 1998 National Championships, and the 1998 North American Championships, Eric Owens has an excellent chance for a medal performance in Sydney in 2000. Owens has been playing table tennis since he was six years old, when his father introduced him to the game. In 1996, he participated in the GM "Driving the Olympic Spirit" tour, where he did 65 table-tennis exhibitions for GM plant workers in more than 20 cities. Currently, he resides in Davison, Michigan.

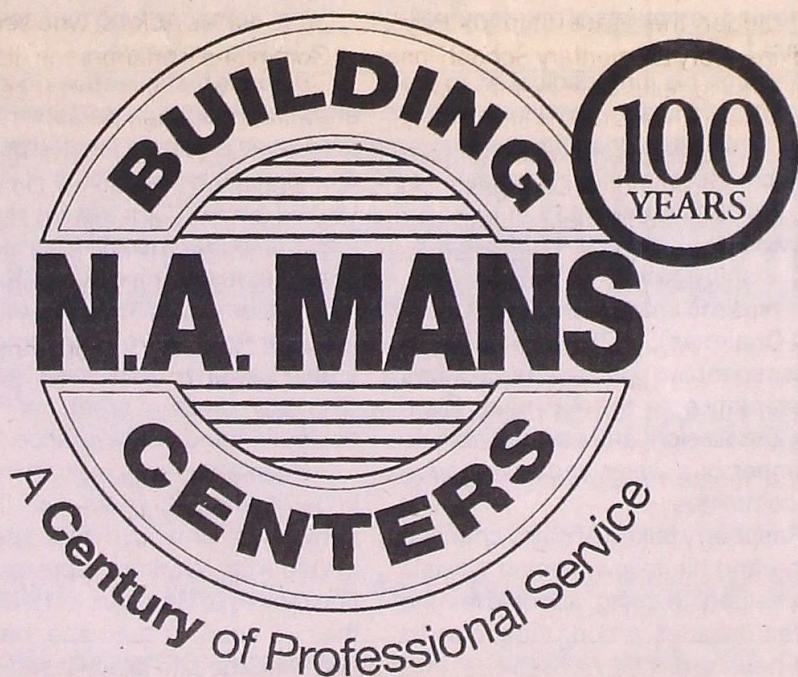
The UAW/GM "The Team Behind The Team" program was developed to address the challenges that face U.S. Olympic Team hopefuls as they travel to training and competitive events while continuing to support their families. Athletes were chosen by an Athlete Advisory Panel based on financial need, training and competition requirements, and qualification of "hopeful" status. Olympic gold medalists Grant Hill and Dorothy Hamill co-chaired the Advisory Panel, which also includes track-and-field stars Ashford, Carl Lewis, and Bob Mathias; swimmer Morales; and figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi.

"Our involvement in 'The Team Behind The Team' is an example of the many ways in which the UAW and GM work together in the community," said Rick O'Donnell, UAW Local 163 Shop Chairman. "We are proud to build engines for vehicles that will help our Olympic Team athletes achieve their dreams."

Note: Fans and supporters of U.S. Olympic Team hopefuls can track their favorite athletes in cyberspace thanks to a Web site developed and cosponsored by the UAW and GM. The site – [www.theteambehindtheteam.com](http://www.theteambehindtheteam.com) – includes:

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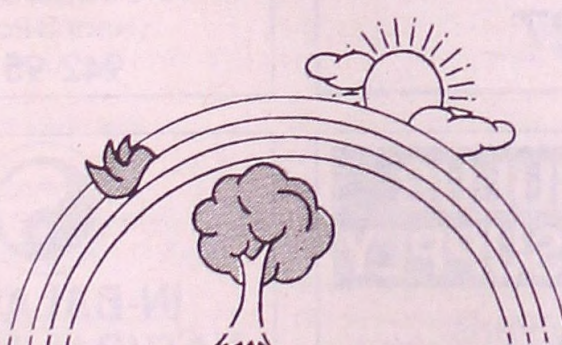
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## Wilkerson Appointed Principal at Community Middle/High

Al Wilkerson has been appointed Principal of the Romulus-Belleville Community Middle/High School, located in the Mt. Pleasant School building. He will replace Dr. Kathleen Jacobson, who recently submitted her resignation in order to accept a position with Central Michigan University this fall.

"I am really looking forward to this opportunity," said Wilkerson, who has been a counselor at both Romulus Middle School and Romulus High School for many years, and also has extensive experience working with the Community High students. "We can do a lot of good things for these students."

Wilkerson's service to the district includes years of coaching its athletics programs, as well. In fact, his 1986 basketball team won the Michigan State Class "A" Championship.

Former Romulus High School science teacher Jim Orme will take over Wilkerson's counseling position at the High School.



Al Wilkerson

## Board OKs Revised Compact

Under the leadership of Phyllis Adkins, Cory Elementary School Principal, the Romulus Community Schools' award-winning "student-parent-school compact" has been revised to make it more "user-friendly." Changes include space to list additional children on the same form, as well as a signature section for district personnel.

The compact, which greatly increased parent involvement in the schools, has garnered state and national attention for the district. During the 1999-2000 school year, for example, approximately 700 parents volunteered a total of 4,000 hours of their time.

Future plans call for the committee to expand into local government and the business community.

Besides Adkins, who serves as the Committee's chairperson, its members include: Wendy Blohm (Learning Specialist, Cory Elementary), Debbie Dick (Board of Education Trustee), Tom Dolan (Director of Curriculum), Don Foley (Assistant Principal, Romulus High School), Doug Hoffman (Principal, Romulus High School), Betty Lenossi (Board Trustee), Richard Marsh (Community Development Director, City of Romulus), Billy McCraight (Board Trustee), Susanne Oakley (local attorney; parent), Lieutenant James Rafalski (Romulus Police Department), Lisa Staten (Parent Coordinator, Romulus High School), Diane Vidovic (Director, Romulus Adolescent Health Center), and Reverend Arthur Willis. □



The Romulus Compact Committee (from left): front row - Diane Vidovic, Betty Lenossi, Tom Dolan, Wendy Blohm, and Don Foley; middle row - Lisa Staten, Phyllis Adkins, and Debbie Dick; back row - Richard Marsh, Billy McCraight, Susanne Oakley, James Rafalski, Arthur Willis, and Doug Hoffman.



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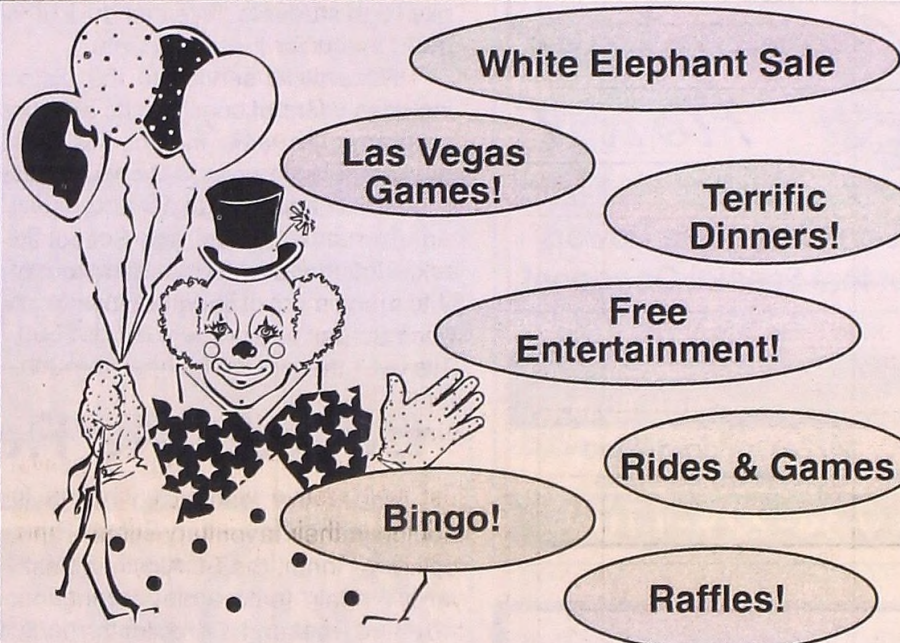
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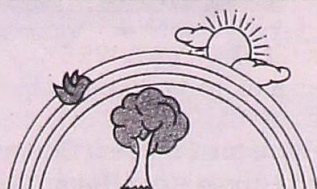
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### DEFINITIONS

- Atropos, Clotho, and Lachesis, the Greek and Roman goddesses of human destiny (used with "the")
- Greek cheese
- Darjeeling or Earl Gray, for example
- School skippers
- Ringed planet
- Small mountain lakes
- Recurring yearly
- Invalidate or declare void, as a marriage
- Bone of the lower arm
- Swift
- Elaborate party
- Homonym for answer #3
- Laverne and Shirley or Felix and Oscar
- Small, clawed monkey
- Stutter
- Type of "Business" for actor Tom Cruise?
- Vexes; galls
- Slalom
- Subjugate
- Yeast or cream of tartar, for instance
- Corrupt
- MTV, VH-1, or CMT offering
- Symbol of peace
- Lengthy lyric poem, such as the one Keats wrote on a Grecian urn
- Contusion
- Coffin stands
- Traditional barbecue dish for summer picnics
- Strew; scatter
- Act as chairperson
- Caught a glimpse of something hidden
- Frisky; spunky
- Abominable snowmen
- Locale
- Nickname for Hawaii: "The \_\_\_\_\_ State"
- Adornment for an angel?
- Computer aboard *Discovery* in Arthur C. Clarke's 2001
- Lacking self-confidence
- Harsh criticism
- 1965 Fontella Bass tune: "\_\_\_\_\_ Me"
- "Formulae" for Julia Childs
- 1970 Jack Nicholson film: *Five Easy \_\_\_\_\_*
- One of these "Girls" is Scary

Solution may be found at right

## St. Aloysius Festival

Alas, the end of summer is near, but Romulus-area residents can finish it off with a bang by attending the 50th annual St. Aloysius Festival.

Everyone is invited to take part in this "local institution," which will be held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (located at 11280 Ozga Road, Romulus) on Friday, August 25, from 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, August 26, from 1 p.m. to midnight; and Sunday, August 27, from 1 to 9 p.m.

(For those of you who need directions: Take I-94 to the Wayne Road exit. Go south on Wayne Road to Goddard Road and turn right. Follow Goddard through town to Neville. Turn right to the Church grounds.)

Highlights include:

### Las Vegas Games

For many Festival-goers, one of the biggest attractions is the Las Vegas tent, where adults (age 18 and older) can try their luck at the game of blackjack. Betting varies from a minimum of \$1 to a maximum of \$5, with a maximum winnings per person per day of \$500. This year, the tent will be open throughout the Festival.

### Bingo!

For diehard bingo fans, a festival just isn't festive without a chance to indulge in their favorite pastime – and, luckily for them, the St. Aloysius Festival will again feature play throughout the entire weekend. Cards for the 50/50 games (half the income collected from each game is used for prize money) are two for a quarter per game.

### Raffles

Of course, the easiest way to try your luck is to invest in one or two (or three or four or ...) raffle tickets. Ticket-buyers can choose between the 50/50 Hourly Raffle (\$1 tickets; cash prizes of half the money from each hour's sales) or the One-for-\$1/Six-for-\$5 Raffle (three large prizes: \$5,000, \$1,000, and \$500).

Better yet, since the proceeds from all raffles benefit the St. Aloysius General Fund, why not buy plenty of each?

### Games/Arcade

Because the St. Aloysius Festival is meant to be a special event enjoyed by the entire community, those who put together the games and arcade section of the Festival try their best to offer a mixture of attractions for wide appeal. Both the young and the young-at-heart will enjoy "checking out" this year's old favorites and new challenges.

### Entertainment

Music will again be the backbone of the free entertainment at the St. Aloysius Festival. Be sure to come out to listen and/or dance to the music of CounterClockwise (Friday, 7 to 11 p.m.), Romulus Jazz Band (Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m.), Channel 6 (Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m.), Big Daddy (Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.), and Moose and Da Shark (Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m.).

### Crafts/White Elephant

Twenty eight-foot tables will be covered with everything from Christmas gifts to baked goods. It's a great way to get a jump on your holiday shopping!

### Food...

Of course, there'll be plenty of delicious food!

Visit the Dining Room on Friday between 5 and 7 p.m. for a Fish Fry Feast (\$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for senior citizens, and \$3 for kids; no charge for tots two and under) and on Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. for a Spaghetti Supper (\$5.50 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for kids; tots free), then come back Sunday between noon and 5 p.m. for an old-fashioned chicken dinner with all the trimmings (\$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors, and \$4 for kids; tots free).

For more "traditional" carnival fare, stop by Hamburger Villa for hamburgers, hot dogs, kielbasa, pizza, chips, coffee, and pop.

### ... and Drink

This year's Spirit Tent will serve chips, pretzels, pop, and "nonalcoholic beer" in addition to wine, wine coolers, and beer by the pitcher and the cup. Of course, you must be at least 21 years old to purchase alcohol. ☐

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(1) Fates; (2) feta; (3) tea  
(4) trunks; (5) Saturn; (6) tams  
(7) annual; (8) annul; (9) una  
(10) fleet; (11) fete; (12) tee  
(13) roommates; (14) marmoset;  
(15) stammer  
(16) Risky; (17) licks; (18) ski  
(19) enslave; (20) heaven; (21) venal  
(22) video; (23) dove; (24) ode  
(25) bruise; (26) biers; (27) ribs  
(28) dispense; (29) preside; (30) espied  
(31) feisty; (32) yells; (33) site  
(34) Aloha; (35) halo; (36) Hal  
(37) insecure; (38) censure; (39) Rescue  
(40) recipes; (41) Pieces; (42) Spice

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## Community Calendar

- **PWP Hosts "A Hot August Night of Dancing"** – Downriver Chapter #369 of Parents Without Partners invites you to its "Hot August Night of Dancing," to be held at the Taylor Moose Lodge (9981 South Telegraph, between Wick and Goddard roads in Taylor) on Friday, August 11, at 9 p.m. (An orientation for prospective members is planned for 8 p.m.; a general membership meeting for 8:30 p.m.) Admission is \$5 for members; \$7 for nonmembers. For information, contact Membership VP George Graff at 313-388-8488.
- **Godspell** – The Downriver Teen Players will present *Godspell* at the Woodhaven High School Auditorium on Friday, August 11, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, August 12, at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, August 13 (special dinner-theater performance) at 5 p.m. Tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances are \$6 for adults/\$5 for students and senior citizens, and are available in advance or at the door; dinner-theater tickets, \$15 each, must be purchased in advance. For more information, call 734-487-8439.
- **Special Events at Belleville Farmer's Market** – The City of Belleville is sponsoring a weekly Farmer's Market which will open at 7 a.m. each Saturday through the balance of the growing season. The market is located in the parking lot behind the Museum at 405 Main Street. Vendors are invited to bring their fresh produce and food items, as well as homemade baked goods and other homemade food products to sell. A number of special events have been planned for the upcoming months. They include a **Gardening Demonstration** (September 9) and three **Baking Contests** (August 19 – bread, muffin, and roll recipes using vegetables; September 23 – recipes for baked pies using fruits; and October 21 – all types of baking recipes using pumpkin). Note: To help defray the costs of advertising and promotion, vendors will be charged \$8 per day per stall. For information/vendor applications, call the Belleville City Clerk: 734-697-9323.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The African American Experience Book Discussion Group will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting on August 16) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are welcome. For more information, call Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during its regular hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Immunization Fair** – Romulus Community Schools – in collaboration with the Romulus Adolescent Health Center and Oakwood Healthcare Outreach – will host an immunization fair at Merriman Elementary School on Thursday, August 24, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. All vaccinations (\$2 each) will be available. In order for a child to be immunized, his or her parent must be present, and must bring a copy of the child's shot record. For more information, call Laura Ralko at 734-941-0272.
- **Parade of Lights** – The City of Romulus Parade of Lights will be held Friday, September 15, in conjunction with the Romulus Pumpkin Festival. For information on how you can take part, either as a member of the parade or a crowd control/parking volunteer, call Donna/Deanna (734-941-3008).
- **St. Paul's Seeks Crafters** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) is looking for crafters who would like to participate in its 17th annual craft show, set for Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9 (Apple Fest weekend). Space only is \$30; space with table is \$35. For information/application, call either Jennefer Canell (734-754-5844), Ilene Shaffer (753-4534), or the Church (753-9048).
- **Head Start Seeks Students** – The Romulus Head Start Program is now registering eligible three- and four-year-old children for the 2000–2001 school year. This free preschool program, held at Beverly School (35408 Beverly Road), serves children from low-income families, foster children, and children with disabilities. For more information, call 734-727-9920.
- **St. Aloysius Accepting Registrations** – St. Aloysius Catholic School is now accepting applications for its 2000–2001 school year. The school advertises affordable tuition for a program that features small classes taught by all State-certified teachers, a networked computer lab with all new equipment, a daily hot-lunch program, and bus transportation for Romulus residents. For more information, call 734-941-3340.

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## Workshops Help Teachers Keep Edge in Technology



Phil Rossman (center) helps Serena Kessler and Clinton Chico during a "Web design" in-service for Romulus teachers. Kessler is the head of the High School's English Department; Chico teaches photo/video classes.

A variety of summer workshops allowed teachers to further hone their already formidable edge in the educational applications of technology, according to Linda Cook, Director of Technology for the Romulus Community Schools.

"Programs such as these are one of the big reasons that our district was recently recognized by the Ohana Foundation as Michigan's leader in the integration of technology and education," said Cook.

Founded in 1999, the Ohana Foundation of California and Hawaii is a nonprofit organization dedicated to "closing the digital gap" by providing technology resources to students from diverse economic backgrounds. It plans to recognize outstanding applications of technology in education in all 50 states in the hope that other school districts around the country will strive to emulate their success.

"The Romulus School District is a showcase example of how technology, when used wisely, can enhance the

quality of educational experiences for the student, teacher, and parent," said Annie Chan, President and founder of the Ohana Foundation. "Its achievements reflect the hard work and community support of parents, students, and teachers, and will serve as a model of what education in the twenty-first century is all about."

Among the topics addressed by the district's summer workshops:

- Internet integration
- Web publishing
- scanners
- digital cameras
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Terry Bird and Dorothy West also took advantage of the "Web design" workshop. West is a first-grade teacher at Wick Elementary; Bird is involved with the High School's Robotics Program, which maintains its own Web site



## Romulus Teachers Raise \$\$\$ for Children's Defense Fund



Wick Elementary School's team included (from left): front row – Kathryn Gable, Kim Panek, and Tiffany Kerner; back row – Kevin Murphy, Mike Bingaman, Amy Lusher, Josephine Gaglio, and Judy Barthwell.

Earlier this summer, teachers from Wick Elementary School and Romulus Middle School played in the first annual "Play Ball for Kids" softball game. The event raised \$305 for the Wayne County Chapter of the Children's Defense Fund, a national organization that focuses on the needs of children and families.

According to Middle School science teacher Sharon Grandell (who, along with Wick teacher Pia Gaglio, organized the game), each team member donated \$10 to the fund; contributions were also solicited from Basket Bouquets, Captain Nemo's Sub Shop, Dairy Mart, Leonardo's Ristorante, and Meijer.

Grandell became interested in the project through her enrollment in a class called "Self-expression and Leadership," sponsored by Landmark Education. The class calls for participants to create a project that challenges themselves, benefits the community, and

stretches the limits of what they believe they are capable of doing.

The first annual "Play Ball for Kids" event was won by the team from the Middle School. Plans for next year call for the involvement of all the district's schools. □

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The Middle School's team included (from left): front row – Anyesa Thomas, April Woods, Kathleen Hall, Sharon Grandell, Cindy Bondy, Kellie Knight, and Kellee Kubany; back row – Mark Fernandez, Ryan Wilson, Brian McCalister, and Thomas Patterson.

## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, please call 734-942-6852.)

### August Luncheon

Special guests at the Center's next luncheon – set for noon on Friday, August 25 – will be Romulus Mayor William M. Oakley and Representative Ray Basham, who will be on hand to discuss seniors' concerns about local and state government.

"Many people don't realize how much the decisions made in Lansing affect us here at the city level," said Program Coordinator Linda Norman. "Hopefully, this informal question-and-answer session will help all of us better understand the ways that higher government impacts our community directly."

"Be sure to join us for this light luncheon with heavy conversation."

The bill of fare for the afternoon will feature Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, veggies, and dessert. Tickets (\$3.50 each) are limited, so be sure to sign up early.

### Eastern Market

The Romulus Senior Center is organizing a trip to downtown Detroit's Eastern Market on Saturday, August 12. The van will depart from the Center at 9:30 a.m., leave the market at noon, stop for lunch, and return at about 2 p.m. Cost of transportation is just \$1.50. Sign up at the Center.

### Fair Fun

The Romulus Senior Center has planned a trip to the Michigan State Fair on Monday, August 28. Further details and the sign-up sheet are now available at the Center.

### Motor City Gambling

Flirt with Lady Luck on Wednesday, August 30, when the Romulus Senior Center travels to Motor City Casino. Cost is \$7 per person for transportation (\$2 from the Romulus Center to Taylor, plus \$5 for the motorcoach that will travel from Taylor to the casino).

Since the Center must turn in its participant list two weeks in advance, immediate sign-up is urged.

### Regularly Scheduled Activities

The Romulus Senior Center invites you to stop by on your own or bring a friend to take part in any of the following regularly scheduled programs:

- Club #1 meetings (11 a.m. each Tuesday)
- Bunco (1 p.m. each Tuesday)
- Bingo (1 p.m. each Wednesday)
- Fun & Games Night (6 p.m. each Wednesday)
- Pinochle (1 p.m. each Thursday)
- Quilting (7 p.m. each Thursday).

For more information, please contact the Center.

### Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 734-942-6852.

- **Shipshawana** (September 5; \$62),
- **Houghton Lake Cruise** (October 6; \$86),
- **Mackinac Island** (October 22–25; \$519), and
- **Hawaii Cruise/Tour** (19 days/September '01; \$2,449).

### Crime Watch

Crime Prevention Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 9 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 24, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. New faces are always welcome.

### Haircuts

The next date for the Romulus Senior Center's haircut service is Monday, August 21, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment.

Note: All haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

### Center Offers Transportation Service

Round-trip transportation service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just \$1. To make your reservation (no later than 2 p.m. on the day before the trip), please call 734-942-6852 during the Center's normal business hours.

### Outside Chore Service

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Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions):

Attach any additional information concerning the birth to this form.

## Obituaries

### Gertrude Hazel (Wollenberg) Clark

Gertrude Hazel (Wollenberg) Clark of Taylor, Michigan, died Tuesday, July 25, 2000, at the age of 94.

The native of Howell, Michigan, was born May 16, 1906.

Gertrude is survived by her daughter, Betty (Earl) Michling (New Boston, MI); two sons, James (Suzie) Wollenberg (Canton, MI) and Gerald (Ruth) Clark (Wayne, MI); one sister, Alma Marquardt (Romulus, MI); 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Predeceasing

her are one son, William Wollenberg; one step-daughter, Mary Jane Zilka; three brothers; and two sisters.

A funeral service was held Saturday, July 29, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (New Boston, MI), with Pastor D. Lee Cullen, Jr., officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to St. Paul's Church.

### Marie Diane (Roelens) DeBuysscher

Marie Diane (Roelens) DeBuysscher of Romulus, Michigan, died Wednesday, July 26, 2000. She was 70 years old.

Marie (born April 30, 1930, in Combert, Canada) married Alfonse G. DeBuysscher on May 3, 1947, and eventually became the mother of three. Her involvement with the Romulus Baseball Association/Little League eventually led her to a long career of community service as a member of the Romulus Recreation Commission and, later, Director of the City's budding Recreation Department. Over the years, she was responsible for the implementation of many new recreation programs, including those for senior citizens. She was

also a member of the Family & Neighborhood Services Board of Directors.

Among those surviving Marie are her husband; two sons, Gerald "Jerry" (Belleville, MI) and Paul J. DeBuysscher (Romulus, MI); one daughter, Mrs. Kris (Virginia) Silvey (Romulus, MI); two brothers, Charles and Leon Roelens (both of Ontario, Canada); and six grandchildren. She was predeceased by her father, mother, and four brothers.

A funeral service was held Saturday, July 29, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

### Alma Elisabeth (Korndorfer) Marquardt

Alma Elisabeth (Korndorfer) Marquardt of Romulus, Michigan, died Monday, July 31, 2000. She was 90 years old.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born December 9, 1909.

Alma is survived by several nieces and nephews. Her husband, Elmer Marquardt, predeceased her.

A funeral service was held Thursday, August 3, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor D. Lee Cullen, Jr. (St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Boston, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

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